

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-12 and 14-18 are currently active in this case. Claim 13 has been cancelled and claims 10-12 and 14-18 have been amended by the current amendment.

In the outstanding office action, claims 10-12, 15, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent No. 6,317,718 to Fano; claims 10-12, and 15-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent No. 6,587,835 to Treyz et al.; claims 13, 14, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fano; and claims 13, 14, 16, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treyz et al.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicants' representative on September 20, 2005, at which time the outstanding prior art rejections were discussed. Applicants' representative proposed a claim amendment to claim 10 which clarifies that the objective action of the invention can either be a ticket purchasing process or a process for processing product sales data. Applicants' representative further proposed to amend claim 10 to define that the objective execution means processes the ticket printing objective action with a higher priority relative to the processing of the product sales data. The examiner acknowledged that, pending a further review of the applied prior art, the amendment appears to define over the applied art. Consequently, applicants have amended claim 10 consistent with the proposed claim language presented during the September 20, 2005 interview. In short, applicants have amended claim 10 to define that the objective execution means assigns an information code to the ticket printing objective action so that subsequent processing of the ticket printing objective action is accomplished with a higher priority relative to the processing of the product sales data.

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Claims 11, 12, and 14-18 are believed to be allowable for at least the same reason that claim 10 is believed to be allowable.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. And early in favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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